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HOUSE BILL 766

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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AN ACT

**RELATING TO HEALTH; CREATING A HEALTH CARE FACILITY ACCESS TASK
FORCE.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

**Section 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--HEALTH CARE FACILITY
ACCESS TASK FORCE--CREATION--SUPPORT. --**

**A. The "health care facility access task force" is
created. The task force shall consist of twelve members as
follows:**

- (1) the secretary of health or the secretary's
designee;**
- (2) the attorney general or the attorney
general's designee;**
- (3) three members of the house of
representatives, at least one of whom shall represent the**

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1 minority party, appointed by the speaker of the house of
2 representatives;

3 (4) three members of the senate, at least one
4 of whom shall represent the minority party, appointed by the
5 president pro tempore of the senate;

6 (5) two public members, one to represent a
7 for-profit health care organization and one to represent a
8 nonprofit health care organization;

9 (6) the superintendent of the insurance
10 division of the public regulation commission or the
11 superintendent's designee; and

12 (7) a public member, representing health care
13 advocates.

14 B. The chair of the health care facility access
15 task force shall be elected by the task force. The task force
16 shall meet at the call of the chair.

17 C. Members of the task force shall serve from the
18 time of their appointment through October 31, 2005. On
19 November 1, 2005, the task force is terminated.

20 D. The public members of the task force shall
21 receive per diem and mileage pursuant to the Per Diem and
22 Mileage Act.

23 E. The task force shall:

24 (1) study the impact of health care facilities
25 providing outpatient therapeutic services that merge or

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1 consolidate in both rural and urban areas of the state,
2 including:

3 (a) the feasibility of requiring the
4 facility to demonstrate the effect on patient access;

5 (b) the impact on patients and consumers
6 in rural areas when facilities merge or consolidate in rural
7 areas; and

8 (c) the economic effect in rural areas;
9 and

10 (2) no later than December 31, 2005, report
11 its findings to the second session of the forty-seventh
12 legislature.

13 F. The department of health shall provide
14 administrative support for the task force.

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